In re Application of:

KEIICHI SAKAI ET AL.

- Application No.: 10/653,210

Filed: September 3, 2003

For:

INFORMATION PROCESSING

APPARATUS AND METHOD, AND

PROGRAM

Docket No.: 00862.022558

Examiner: Abul K. Azad

Group Art Unit: 2654

March 1, 2006

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Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a Preliminary Amendment in the above-identified application.

X No additional fee is required.

The fee has been calculated as shown below

| CLAIMS AS AMENDED | | | | | | | |
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| | (2) CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT | | (4) HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR | (5) PRESENT EXTRA | RATE | ADDITIONAL FEE | |
| TOTAL CLAIMS | 13 | MINUS | 32 | 0 | x \$25 \$50 | \$0.00 | |
| INDEP. CLAIMS | 3 | MINUS | 8 | 0 | x \$100 \$200 | \$0.00 | |
| Fee for Mu | \$0.00 | | | | | | |
| TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT | | | | | | \$0.00 | |

| | Verified Statement claiming small entity status is enclosed, if not filed previously. |
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| | A check in the amount of \$ is enclosed. |
| | Charge \$ to Deposit Account No. 06-1205. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed |
| X | Any prior general authorization to charge an issue fee under 37 C.F.R. 1.18 to Deposit Account No. 06 1205 is hereby revoked. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required during the entire pendency of this application, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 06-1205. A duplicate copy of this paper is enclosed. |
| | A check in the amount of \$ to cover the fee for a month extension is enclosed. |
| v da. | A check in the amount of \$ to cover the Information Disclosure Statement fee is enclosed. |
| X | Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below. |
| | Respectfully submitted, |
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to further examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows: